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Mr. Daniel R. Elliott, III
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Elliott:

In response to a notification by the Surface Transportation Board (STB), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) will participate in consultation to develop a Programmatic Agreement for the proposed construction of a rail line to Port MacKenzie, Alaska. Our decision to participate in this consultation is based on the *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, contained within our regulations. The criteria are met for this proposed undertaking because the undertaking has the potential to require modification of the Section 106 review process to address the unique aspects of the proposed new rail line.

Section 800.6(a)(1)(iii) of our regulations requires that we notify you, as the head of the agency, of our decision to participate in consultation. By copy of this letter, we are also notifying Victoria Rutson, Federal Preservation Officer for STB, of this decision.

Our participation in this consultation will be handled by Najah Duvall-Gabriel who can be reached at (202) 606-8585 or via e-mail at ngabriel@achp.gov. We look forward to working with your agency and other consulting parties to consider alternatives to this undertaking that could avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic properties and to reach a Programmatic Agreement.

Sincerely,

John M. Fowler
Executive Director

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